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Former Fort Erie Secondary School student Chris Willick paid a visit to his old learning environment this week, catching up with his hospitality and tourism program teacher Afshin Keyvani. Read the whole story on page 10.

Hiring freeze frozen

➤ Motion to put Town hiring on hold, tabled by council

Kris Dubé
Editor

Council has decided to wait until the 2013 budget deliberations begin, to make a decision about a hiring freeze within the Town of Fort Erie.

A notice of motion was made by Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley on Aug. 20 and at this Monday's regular council meeting, moving in this direction was debated by council for about 40 minutes.

The report was tabled, after a motion made by Ward 4 Coun. John Hill.

"I really think we need to sit back and digest this," said Hill, shortly before the vote was called.

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Council will wait until budget time to debate hiring freeze

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Earlier in the meeting, Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular criticized the idea of a hiring freeze, saying there are too many factors that need to be considered such as the future of the Fort Erie Racetrack, the anticipated ruling about the Canadian Motor Speedway from the Ontario Municipal Board, among other things.

"I feel this action is a little premature," said Shular.

In the report prepared by staff that was before council, it is suggested that some Town employees are eligible for retirement in the near future and it could potentially cause problems when



Bob Steckley

replacing these individuals if a hiring freeze were to be put in place.

Hill concurred that this is a reason to hold on.

"Perhaps there is a need that might need to be looked at in terms of early retirement and so forth," said Hill.

Steckley said he appre-

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— Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley

ciates the comments made by his colleagues around the table, but disagrees with his recommendation being premature.

He said filling existing vacancies within the corporation in the near future



Stephen Passero

and then waiting until budget time to decide whether or not some positions need to be eliminated, isn't fair to the individuals.

"I'd rather not see them filled at this point, then give someone bad news in a couple months time, right before Christmas," said Steckley.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero delivered a lengthy explanation of why he doesn't support

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— Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero

putting a halt on hiring. He referred to the operational review that was conducted, that came back saying there were no glaring inefficiencies in the corporation and no implication that the municipality is overstaffed.

Passero said it isn't up to council to continually make decisions about hiring and firing.

"I don't know if I trust us as a body to make a lot of human resources decisions," said Passero.

He also said there are a number of infrastructure projects needed within

Fort Erie that still have not been tendered because of lack of staff.

Passero continued by saying that despite the town having some financial woes, if staff does need to fill a position to help move certain projects along, they should be able to.

"Whether we can afford hamburger or steak, we still need someone to do the cooking," he said.

Mayor Doug Martin agreed and blatantly said he would not support the freeze, especially since the human resources department cautioned that it could create difficulties.

"We have to start listening to staff and appreciate the concerns addressed by them," said Martin.

"The chaos that results because of something like this, isn't worth the effort," said Martin.

In Steckley's tabled motion, it is written that filling the chief administrative officer position would be exempt from the freeze, if it was approved.

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Mayor wants council to release details about solicitor's dismissal

Decision made behind closed doors raising questions from taxpayers

Kris Dubé
Editor

Mayor Doug Martin wants the public to be aware of how and why the Town's former director of legal services was given her pink slip.

Closed session meetings were held about an "identifiable individual" in March, April and May and in the weeks that followed, solicitor Heather Salter was no longer employed by the municipality.

Since then, delegates have come forward to council, asking for more information about what transpired and why Salter was let go.

At Monday's regular council meeting, Martin made a notice of motion to amend the minutes of settlement on the matter and allow it to be become public information.

Martin, along with councillors Shular and Passero voted against terminating her employment.

"Closed session should not be used as a shield for members of council," said Martin.

The mayor says



The public has a right to know."

— Mayor Doug Martin

that he is often asked by constituents about what transpired and what led to the decision, along with what monetary amount Salter was dismissed with.

"The public has a right to know," he said.

The only councillor to comment on Martin's notice of motion was John Hill.

He declared a conflict of interest.

"I will not be entertaining any decision or comment on this matter," said Hill.

But Town clerk Carolyn Kerr cautioned that it isn't that simple.

"It's up to each member to determine if they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest on the matter... those are the key operative words," said Kerr.

"It's not to be used to avoid dealing with or voting on a matter," she added.

Hill then said he would seek his own legal advice on the matter.

Mayor Martin is also in receipt of a letter from Salter, that says she has no problem with details about her termination being made public.

Food bank needs help



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) manager Barbara Volzke stands next to a depleted shelf at the food bank, located at 32 Dufferin Street. Items needed are anything that can be used for children's lunches such as macaroni and cheese, tuna, peanut butter and juice. On Thursday, Sept. 20, COPE will be at Wal-Mart collecting for its ongoing penny drive from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The shelter can be contacted at (905) 871-2526.



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Garage fire in Ridgeway



A fire destroyed a garage workshop in Ridgeway Thursday morning, causing an estimated \$75,000 damage, according to the Fort Erie Fire Department. Fire Chief Larry Coplen said firefighters responded to a "fully involved" detached structure on Dominion Rd., near Bernard Ave., just after 11 a.m. He said in addition to the garage, a pickup truck and an SUV inside the workshop was destroyed. Coplen said the owner had a race-car hobby. Fortunately, he said, his race car wasn't in the garage at the time of the fire. Nobody was injured. Coplen said the fire expanded to a similar garage next door, but firefighters "quickly knocked it down."



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We look forward to the 2013 Season with registration taking place in early 2013!

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our editorial

CAO position should have been filled months ago

Council has taken yet another turn when deciding who will be the Town's next full-time chief administrative officer.

On Monday night, in closed session, local politicians ended up not re-approving the selected candidate from previous deliberations.

Instead, they will go with a hiring firm to find the person for the job.

The purpose of this editorial isn't to pull apart council's decision, but what is seen by us at the Fort Erie Times to suggest that this issue needs to be wrapped up.

The former CAO left over a year ago and it seems like finding a replacement for him has taken an

eternity.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill said at a recent council meeting that this matter needs to be resolved and should have been a long time ago.

He couldn't have said it any better, but unfortunately he and his colleagues on council have done the complete opposite when it comes to bringing it to an end.

Let's hope council can find the right man or woman through the next phase of this matter and put it to rest and move on with the piles of Town business that are accumulating.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Barbara Cormier for phoning in to identify the people in last week's photo including her daughters Jen and Cory.

This playground photo shows members of the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kinettes with their children, taken about 1981. From left to right, Maggie Davidson,

Jen Hayes, Jean Legare, Cory Hayes, and in the foreground, young master Davidson. The lady with the glasses far right is possibly Kelly Stewart with baby Stewart.

We always appreciate a call to confirm either of the Stewart's or master Davidson's first name.

We have two fishermen,

one with his catch, in this week's photo.

The date on the calendar reads May 1951 and the name Bill Reichelt is on the back. If you can tell us which one is Bill or the name of the other fisherman, please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca

Day-to-day operations as editor could easily be a television show



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

I have a great idea for a TV show and it's firmly based on my over four years of experience as the editor of a heavily-read newspaper in a small town, like Fort Erie.

Some people might think the above lead was a segue into a disgruntled

tirade about local politics.

That is not the case.

I'm not going to be talking about my own personal thoughts on Bay Beach or the recruitment of a chief administrative officer for the municipality or any other pressing topics I write about in this community, a place I have called home for a few months short of 30 years.

I want to examine the overall picture with this editorial.

What someone in my position has to deal with on a personal level every day, that's the premise of

this.

I'm not just making things up when I say there is an idea for a TV show stewing in me based on this, because it's in progress.

I bought a book for \$40 recently about the ropes of proper format for TV writing.

It's going to be my gold-en ticket when I'm done and to be honest I have so many people in this town to thank just for inspiring it.

For example, I can't count how many times I've been out with a group of

friends at a local watering hole, on my own time, when my night is consumed by a conversation about the Point Albino Lighthouse or why their fish is the best minor sports athlete to ever hold a hockey stick or baseball bat in this town.

Or why someone heard their cousin's wife's husband isn't pleased that the article I wrote about their son wasn't long enough.

Or that I declined on attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning because I allegedly had made plans

for the weekend and explained I wouldn't be able to make it.

I could go on and on and don't want to get into too much details about it because it's an original idea I'd rather not see some other creative-minded readers decide to steal from me.

Afterall, there's a lot of people out there who have actually heard of a week-end without work after already spending 40 hours at the office from Monday to Thursday that might have the time to expand on what I have just explained.

It will probably take me ten years to write the first three episodes with the amount of free time I have.

I'm not referring to Fort Erie being a "laughing stock" like it has been said publicly by elected officials, because that's a whole other issue, which I touched on last week.

I'm assuming the hilarious antics someone in my position has to deal with in small towns everywhere.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email to kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

opinion page

Reader raises many questions about proposed tower

Dear Editor,

My family and I are the unlucky ones who will be living 245 metres from the Wireless Communications Tower on Nigh Road.

I am just a wife and mother... I am not rich like the cellphone companies... I cannot afford to hire experts to tell you the true dangers of living so close to these structures...all I have is my voice.

The seriousness of this is very real. It is considered a health risk to live anywhere within 400m of one of these towers. We live 245m away. And several of our neighbours would also be considered to be in the danger zone.

I urge all of you, to search out the truth, to read what the expert opponents of these towers say regarding the health dangers. I urge you to look up the research that has been done to show the increase in illness in areas surrounding these towers. Find research done by those who have nothing to gain monetarily. Just goolge the words "Dangers of Wireless".

Wireless Telecommunications Towers! It is real. It is a fact. Scores of studies and well-respected research have exposed alarming health effects ranging from neurological issues, to cardiac issues, to stress, to various forms of cancer. The illness may not necessarily be apparent right away, because it can be a cumulative long term damage, that may not

show up until after many years of exposure. Will everyone who lives near a Tower get sick? No, but the risk is far greater...especially for those who are sensitive to electromagnetic rays, and those who have improperly functioning immune systems.

This behemoth of a tower will be constructed in the beautiful bush on Nigh Rd. While my family and neighbours will be affected in a negative way, the effects on wildlife will be very uncertain. How will this affect the lives of the deer who amble through our beautiful area? How will it affect the birds who call this bush home? How will it affect the fish and spawning beds in Six Mile Creek? How many majestic trees will be lost for the sake of technology? How will it affect that same pair of geese that come to our property every year to nest and raise their young? How will I explain to our grandchildren, the giant steel monster in the middle of paradise?

Yes, I own a cell phone... I make a few calls a month on it...and I send the occasional text message.

I am not a hypocrite. I do use the technology. But I choose to use it responsibly and I ask the same courtesy in return. Be responsible when searching out locations for these structures. I am not naïve...I know this technology is here to stay, but I simply ask that these structures are erected in areas where there will be as little negative impact as possible to human life, wildlife, and our forest.

My husband and I chose to move here from Niagara Falls 27 years ago... 17 years ago we found a piece of land to build our dreams. Before purchasing the land, we approached the Town to see if there would ever be a chance that the land across from us would be developed.

You see, we wanted to have a fish farm, and we needed to be sure the area across the street would never be developed, because if that happened, it could affect our ponds in a negative way. We were told, that land was for cemetery, and would not be developed.

So, we went ahead and built our home on Nigh Rd. We believed what they told us... why wouldn't we? Flash forward to 1999. We receive a notice from the Town, that the property across the street that they told us would not be anything but cemetery... was now a proposed subdivision. I'm sure you can imagine the shock, disappointment and betrayal that we felt. We fought it and as of yet it has not happened, but the Town no longer owns this land, and the status of this is very uncertain. How are we supposed to have faith in this Town, when apparently they can say whatever they want, and then change their minds whenever it best suits them? If there was a chance that this would ever happen, all we wanted was a truthful answer before we built. Is as simple as that. And now on

top of worrying about this, we are faced with this monstrosity of a cell tower.

In our little piece of the world, we have raised 2 amazing children. We have large, fully stocked ponds, that we put in ourselves. Two of them are filled with hundreds of beautiful, colourful Koi, and the third and largest which is one acre in size, is teeming with Large Mouth Bass, Catfish and assorted other fish. We are licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources as a fish preserve. We are environmentalists. We have never used a pesticide or herbicide of any kind on our property.

The dandelions that cover our yard in the Spring are looked at as a food source

for birds, and some even end up in our delicious green smoothies. We encourage bees, and bats...others may consider them pests...we consider them an essential part of our environment. How will the electromagnetic rays affect them?

In this area, my daughter has stopped traffic to allow turtles, raccoons and other animals to safely cross the street. Upon noticing a dead possum on the side of the road, she stopped her truck, went over and noticed babies still alive in her pouch. She reached in, and pulled out all 12 of them, so they would have a chance at life here. And my husband took these same 12 babies all the way to Nanticoke to a

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to be successfully released back into the wild when they were old enough. We clean the ditches along our stretch of Nigh Rd every Earth Day. Sometimes it seems like a never ending battle, but we never give up. This area is everything to us. We care about and grieve for what is happening to our Earth, and we appreciate the area that surrounds us, the area that we call home. You see, its more than where we live, it's who we are.

*Christine Savage
Ridgeway*

Ward re-alignment isn't good for Fort Erie

Dear Editor,

The news that Fort Erie is slated to join Welland, in a new realignment of electoral boundaries, is not what many people in Fort Erie can relate to.

Our Mayor and council are against this idea and I for one agree.

This year is a celebration of two hundred years of shared culture and history, from Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake through to Fort Erie.

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joined together by the QEW and the Niagara River Parkway.

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Our representatives at Queen's Park and Ottawa have delivered big time, by getting stimulus funds, during the worst recession since the Second World War. Kim Craitor and Rob Nicholson both obtained money for Garrison Road, Ridgeway downtown, and the massive Frenchman's Creek drain

project.

Also, additional funds for Tourism and Recreation development have been obtained. If our town is lumped in with Welland, our needs will be an afterthought.

I urge our Fort Erie town council to vigorously protest this intrusion into our family compact and petition those bureaucrats who are splitting us apart, to leave us out of their plans that this is a 'menage a trois' that works for us.

*George Jardine
Stevensville*

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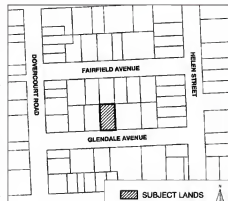
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Fort Erie - Niagara Falls Weekday Schedule

Zehrs Plaza, Dorchester Niagara Falls (depart)	Dorchester and Thorold Stone Rd.	Walmart, Thompson Rd. Fort Erie	Dorchester and Thorold Stone Road	Zehrs Plaza, Dorchester Niagara Falls (arrive)
6:25 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
7:25 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:55 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	12:25 p.m.
12:25 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	1:25 p.m.
4:10 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
5:10 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.
6:10 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:10 p.m.

Connections to and from St. Catharines can be made at Dorchester and Thorold Stone Road.

Fort Erie to Niagara Falls, Saturday

Walmart, Fort Erie	Niagara Square (Arrive)	Niagara Square (Depart)	Stanley/Dunn	Main/Ferry	Bridge St. Terminal
9 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:38 a.m.	9:41 a.m.	9:50 a.m.
11 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	11:41 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
1 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:38 p.m.	1:41 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
5 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:38 p.m.	5:41 p.m.	5:50 p.m.
7 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:38 p.m.	7:41 p.m.	7:50 p.m.

Niagara Falls to Fort Erie, Saturday

Bridge St. Terminal	Main/Ferry	Stanley/Dunn	Niagara Square (Arrive)	Niagara Square (Depart)	Walmart, Fort Erie
10 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	10:13 a.m.	10:21 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Noon	12:10 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	12:21 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:50 p.m.
4 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	4:14 p.m.	4:21 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
6 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	6:21 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.

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Niagara Region

Scavenger Hunt for SPCA

The Fort Erie SPCA is hoping the community will explore the vast geographic landscape of the town to benefit the local shelter this week.

After SPCA week kicks off with a country concert at the Italo-Canadian Club on Sunday, there will be a week-long scavenger hunt to raise money for needs of the agency.

There are 12 merchants in Greater Fort Erie where clues can be picked up from heading out to find some of the "lost pets," which are actually stuffed animals that will be placed

in five locations across the town.

When picking up the clues, participants are asked to make a two dollar or more donation.

Clues can be picked up at the Fort Erie Times, Rosehill Auction, Beatties Basics, Old Bank Bistro, Minor Bros., Pet Valu, Avondale in Crystal Beach, Crescent Gardens, Nigh's Sweet Shop and a few other places.

Legion Week



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times
John Crotinger, left, Barbara Hopkins and Joy Crotinger from the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 230 raised a flag on Friday morning in preparation for Legion Week, which runs from Sept. 15 to 23. The branch has many events planned, such as an open house on Sept. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of members of GREATER FORT ERIE BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS ASSOCIATION, will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 230 on 228 Southmill Street, Ridgeway, Ontario L0S 1N0 on Monday, the 24th day of September, 2012 at 6:30 in the evening (Local Time) to consider and, if thought advisable, to pass a special resolution approving the Amalgamation of the Corporation and BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH NIAGARA INC., in accordance with the terms of an Amalgamation Agreement dated September 15th, 2012 between the Corporation and BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTH NIAGARA INC., and authorizing the Corporation to enter into and adopt the said Amalgamation Agreement, and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

A copy of the proposed Special Resolution, a copy of the proposed Amalgamation Agreement, a copy of a Management Information Circular and the form of Proxy are available for review or pick up by all members at the offices of the Corporation at 20 Lewis Street, P.O. Box 181, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 5M9. The members of the Corporation have the right to vote in respect of the Amalgamation. Members who are unable to attend the meeting in person are requested to obtain, sign and return the said form of proxy to the Secretary of the Corporation prior to the meeting.

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3

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Meteors win season opener

Offence was supposed to be Fort Erie's strength this season, and the Meteors showed why in their first game.

Jordan Bailey fired a hat trick and added an assist in the team's 7-2 win Saturday over Buffalo. The 20-year-old picked up where he left off in 2011-12, when he tied for the club lead with 51

points (16G, 35A). Jesse Pereira had a goal and two assists, while Aaron Wanst added a goal and assist.

Dallas Ingram and Mike Boles scored single goals in the victory. Nik Passero had two assists.

Fort Erie led 2-1 after the first period and blew the game open with four second-period goals. Two

of them came on the power play after Buffalo tied the game 2:18 into the middle frame.

The Meteors fired 60 shots at Buffalo goalie Ian Shorthouse. Fort Erie Visca was out-standing, making 38 saves.

Fort Erie will have a much

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Estate Trustees on or before the 3rd of
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Dated at Fort Erie this 5th day of September, 2012.

Rona Mary Ashan,
Estate Trustee, her Sister, Solicitor:
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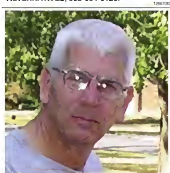


McQUEEN, Walter Raymond. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Walt on August 21, 2012 at the young age of 50. Predeceased by his mother and father, Shirley and Walter McQueen. He will be greatly missed by his son Matthew Patrick McQueen and his daughter Alexandra Grace McQueen, and the mother of his children and long time friend Mary Mullan.

Deaths

SARINOFF, Michael

October 2, 1919 to September 5, 2012
Passed away at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie. Predeceased by his wife Irene (Mucin) and his brother John. Survived by his sister Sophie Laguns (Andy) and his sister in law June Sattford. He was associated with Jehovah's Witnesses for over 70 years. At Mike's request cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.



von **STACKELBERG, Sigurd (Sig)** - After a courageous battle with cancer, Sig passed away at home with his family by his side on Friday, September 7, 2012 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Erika for the past 48 years, and loving father of Jacqueline (Darryl) Hunter of Orangeville, and Terry (Lacey) of Palsawa. Beloved grandfather (opi) of Kaitlyn, Christina, and Carter. At Sig's request, cremation has taken place and a private family service will follow. The family would sincerely like to thank the extraordinary care of Dr. Kim Scher, the palliative care nurses of Saint Elizabeth, especially Pat Eberly, and the OCAC. We would also like to thank family and friends who called or visited Sig and spent time to reflect on such an interesting life and career. If desired, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905-894-0120.

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Card of thanks

Many Thanks

The family of the late Judy Frances Teal (Fryett) Taylor Teal (daughter) and partner Brian Chris would like to thank everyone for their kind words, compassion, gestures of sympathy and support during these difficult times. We are extremely appreciative for all of the donations to various organizations, the cards and kind words that have been showered upon all of us. We have been amazed at the numbers of people that Judy has touched and influenced throughout her life, her art, her compassion and humour.

There are a number of people who require a special mention and thanks for their involvement.

We would like to thank Pastor Jeffrey Sider for the excellent service provided in Judy's Celebration of Life, held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71, Fort Erie.

Thanks are sent to all of the more than three hundred relatives, friends and colleagues who set aside time from their busy schedules to attend. Many travelled substantial distances in order to attend.

Many thanks are to be given to the friends and colleagues at Gilmore Lodge for their help and concern provided to Judy over many months, as well as the memorial service that was also held in her honour.

We would like to thank the nurses and other personnel at the Urgent Care Center for keeping Judy comfortable, prior to being sent to Juruvirek Hospital and Cancer Center, where she also received excellent care. Again, special thanks to Dr. Moyiyada (McMaster University) and the other members of the team at Juruvirek for doing everything within their power.

Although we are still mourning the loss of Judy, we take comfort that she is no longer in pain and suffering.

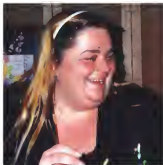


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But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill.
Love always Carl, Carol, James, C.J.
and Brian

In loving memory of
Janet Purvis

Who passed away September 15, 1994.
Missing today as we wished before.
That God could have spared
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The Purvis Family.



In loving memory of
Ralph L. Scott

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When we were all together;
A shadow o'er our lives has cast,
Our loved one's gone forever.
Sadly missed by Alberta,
Barb, Dan, Nicole and Kendal Pyke,
Tim, Angie and Chloe Scott.


*Sweet memories will linger forever,
Time cannot change them, it's true;
Years that may come cannot sever
Our loving remembrance of you.*

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In memoriam



In loving memory of
RICK BENNER
who passed away
September 20, 2009
"Te amabo in aeternum."
Semper Gail.



In Memory of My Husband
Reinhard Volzke
who passed away on
Sept. 18, 2007
I wrote your name in the sky,
but the wind blew it away,
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Cannons season comes to a close

➤ Merriton wins third game of semi-finals by a score of 4-2

After winning game one of the Niagara District

Baseball Association (NDBA) Senior semi finals in Fort Erie Sunday 6-5, the Cannons travelled to Merriton on Tuesday and lost 6-0 allowing the Alliance to tie the best of three series. It was a frustrating night

for the visitors as they stranded ten baserunners in a game which they were only out hit 7-6 by the homeside.

Starter Mike Fowler went the distance giving up only two earned runs in defeat. The series decider

Wednesday at Oakes Park went to the Merriton team with a well deserved 4-2 victory.

The visitors were held to only five hits by starter Matt Pine and reliever Cam Hall over seven innings but the home side could only muster two hits against Merriton starter Mark Parris who threw six solid innings.

The Cannons had their chances thanks to seven walks served up by Parris but again couldn't cash in against the stingy Alliance defense.

Marcus Perzul and Kris Hodges were the only Cannons to get a hit in the game. Closer Heckley got the save. The Cannons send their sincere thanks to the many dedicated fans for their support this season and they hope to see you all out there at the park next year. Fans may catch the final's game schedule and scores on the NDBA Senior Baseball website, www.ndba.ca.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie player Colin Chevalier gets himself to third base during last Sunday's game at Oakes Park.



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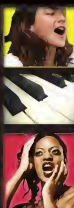
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